

## **Trinity Weekly Tidings For July 30, 2017**

***"God's Love – Our Hearts – God's Work – Our Hands"***

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*Welcome Guests! We are so happy to see you today! If you are traveling through the area, we wish you Godspeed on your journey. If you live nearby, we hope you will return and worship with us again. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to make Trinity Lutheran that home. Please sign the guest register located at the entrance into the Sanctuary and/or fill out the yellow card in the pew rack located in front of you, so that we can know who you are. Although you have come as a visitor, we hope that we leave worship as friends!*

**Baptism** – This morning little Renesmae Leona Krosinski is being baptized. Renesmae is the daughter of Larry Krosinski and Rhonda Zahrte. Please join us in welcoming Renesmae and her family!

**Young Adults in Global Mission** – Please support Anna Moorhead as an ELCA Young Adult in Global Mission going to South Africa. To make a contribution: make your check payable to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America with Anna Moorhead GCS3385 in the memo line. Send your donation to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009. To make a contribution online: Go to Anna's fundraising page at: <http://support.elca.org/goto/annamoorhead>

**Grow in the Lord** – The more you focus on the Lord and do God's work, the more satisfaction you will find.



It's that simple! Are you looking for more satisfaction in your life? Consider serving our congregation as a Stephen Minister. By helping others, you will help God's kingdom grow – and you will grow too! For more information about Stephen Ministry, contact Pastor Mark, Nancy Sikorsky or Jan Jenkins today.

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**Matching Funds for College Grants** - If you are enrolled at an ELCA college, please stop in at the church office to get an application for the Matching Funds for College Grants. Return application by July 31, 2017 to church office.

**Scholarship Opportunity** -Trinity Lutheran Mission Endowment Committee is accepting applications for scholarships. Eligible students must have successfully completed one or more years at any accredited college or technical school and be enrolled for the following year. The deadline for applications will be **July 31, 2017**. Application forms are available in the church office and at the information table in the foyer.

**Delores Adams (Queen Sized) Quilt Raffle** – Tickets are \$10 each and all proceeds go to Sparta Area Cancer Support (SACS). For tickets, please call Gary Peterson 633-3703 or you can purchase ticket at the SACS Walk/Rally, August 4 from 4-8pm at Memorial Field. Quilt winners to be drawn the night of the Cancer Walk/Rally on August 4.

**Favorite Hymn** -The Worship and Music Committee is interested in knowing what your favorite hymns are. In the narthex (back of the church) you will find a box and some paper. Please feel free to write down your favorite hymn, along with its hymn number, and place the paper into the box. Worship and Music Committee will collect these and will try to work your hymn choices into worship services throughout the year.

**Family Band** - Worship and Music Committee would also like to know who has an old instrument hiding in their closet that hasn't been touched on a while. Would you like an opportunity to play it again? The committee would like to try to put together a Family Band. This is in its very beginning stages and participants could help formulate exactly how we practice, play and use the Family Band for worship. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for those who are willing to give it a go again! Also welcome are those who are currently playing an instrument! All levels of talent are welcome!

**Sunday School** – Sunday school is set to start on September 10. Don't forget to register your students today. Registration forms are located in the office or at our informational table in the foyer.

**Loose Change** – Thank you for your generosity when it came to the Loose Change offering last week. We collected \$177.98 for SACS!

### **Birthday Celebration**

Join us on **Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>** for this special birthday celebration hosted by Mary Circle immediately following the 9 am Service. We will be celebrating the birthdays of our Trinity members who will be turning or have turned 90 years or older this year. Please join us for this VERY special birthday celebration!

*Those for whom we are praying...*

*For Jerry Becker, Jean Roedl, Joanie Olson, Dalton Mattke,  
Shirley Hobson, Joyce Swiggum, Michelle Clark, and Pauline Haug.  
Altar flowers were picked up by Joyce M. Anderson.*

## Youth & Family Announcements for the week of July 30, 2017

**God is good all the time, and all the time, God is good!**

**You are BeYOUtiful because you are fearfully and wonderfully made.**

**You are enough! You are loved!**

Please talk to Michelle face-to-face; by phone at 269-5081; call or text at 343-0324; or by e-mail at: [thehyattfive@gmail.com](mailto:thehyattfive@gmail.com) for additional information.

### **Trinity Cares about “Back to School”!**

Grab a tag off the clothesline, & fulfill that need by dropping off your donation to the same area by Sunday, August 13. Gift cards & monetary donations are also welcome, & those can be given to Lori in the office. Thank you for giving a “hand up” to help our brothers & sisters in Christ.

### **SAVE THE DATE!! Sunday, August 27**

Join us for our End-of-the-Year, Back-to-School Celebration on Sunday, August 27. We will have a cookout following our 9:00 a.m. worship filled with food, fellowship, games, & FUN!! Brats, hot dogs, burgers, & drinks will be provided by JAM. Please bring a dish to pass for the cookout. We hope to see ALL of you there!

**Save the dates for Trinity Family Camp – All are Welcome!  
Sunday, August 6; Sunday, August 13; & Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 – 7:30 p.m. (meal included)**

Please send an e-mail to Michelle Jaeger at: [marty\\_m1@hotmail.com](mailto:marty_m1@hotmail.com) with the number in your family that will be attending by Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The theme is “Passport to Peru.” Many fun things are being planned, so don’t miss out on this faith building opportunity for all with God leading the way!

We will come together with a big celebration cookout on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, following our 9:00 worship! Brats, hot dogs, burgers, & drinks will be provided by JAM. Everyone is asked to please bring a dish to pass. Mark your calendars now to make plans to join us!

### **FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) Camp Update**

It was an **AMAZING** week for our Trinity athletes! Their stories & favorite memories are featured in the August Tidings.

**Sugar Creek Bible Camp** has been a great place to be throughout the summer! Our campers will share highlights of their experiences in the September Tidings!

Check out [www.d365.org](http://www.d365.org) for your daily devotion time with God!

Spirit of the Living God, come and be with me. Awaken me to your presence. Spirit of the Living God, come and sit with me. Guide me in your wisdom and truth.

*Then He said to them, “Therefore, every legal expert who has been trained as a disciple for the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings old and new things out of their treasure chest.” Matthew 13:52*

Some of us like being leaders. We like being in charge, to be the one delegating tasks and encouraging team members. Even if the task is difficult, we prefer to be the one leading rather than the one following. There are also, however, difficult choices to make as a leader. Being an effective leader isn’t about having the loudest voice. Much of strong leadership depends on healthy habits, a disciplined way of living in the world.

In today’s passage, Jesus describes the work of the gospel as being trained as a disciple for the kingdom of heaven. Training involves a focused effort, regimented time commitment, and clear goals. In this sense, training is less fun and more work. But, the payoff is worth it. The payoff is the joy involved when sharing the good news through our actions, the compassion and prayers of community, and experiencing the providence and mercies of God working in the lives of people who need it most. The payoff of grace sure is worth the hard training of discipleship.—Aram Bae

God of infinite wisdom, help me to be a disciple of your gospel. Guide what I say and do so others may be encouraged and inspired to seek You in their lives. May your kingdom of heaven be real in this world today. Amen.

May the God of Love bless me and keep me. May Jesus the Christ smile upon me and be gracious to me. May the Spirit of Truth lead me in the path of wisdom and peace.